S♥LIDARITY CALL



URGENT NEED TO REBUILD COMMUNITY AND WOMEN SAFE SPACE

Dear friends,
If you received this letter, it means we have connected somehow. Either you've met us personally, have done project(s) with us, or connected from mutual friends.

How are you and everybody there? Hope you all good. We are Needle 'n Bitch Collective. Right now our collective is in urgent need to rebuild our community space and infohouse. This is why we need your solidarity & support in any matters you can.



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Who are we?

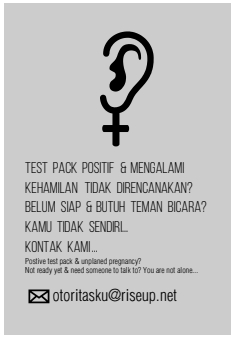




WE'RE COMMITTED TO ORGANIZING A SPACE THAT IS NON-HIERARCHICAL, ALL AGES, INCLUSIVE, AND FREE OF OPPRESSION AND DISCRIMINATION. THE COLLECTIVE WORKS BASE ON MUTUAL COOPERATION, AUTONOMY AND DIY ETHICS.

RIGHT NOW THERE ARE 6 PARTICIPANTS OF THE COLLECTIVE, WITH 3 OF US ARE FEMALES, WITH ALSO 1 CHILD TO ADD. THIS NATURALLY SHAPES OUR SPACE TO BE KIDS AND FAMILY FRIENDLY.

Unplanned pregnancy helpline. This project is inactive due to lack of counselor, access, and security issue. We plan to activate it again, modify it to be reproductive health helpline and give more access for people in need.



Our posters found on a corner of city walls during International Women's Day 2015.









Weekly self defense class joint activity with Crafty Queer friends.





Both of these projects was documented in our zine (2013-2014)

T-shirt screenprinting with Kulon Progo residents who struggle against new airport development (NYIA) in an affected village in Kulon Progo. They wear the solidarity shirts in the trial of four criminalized farmers. Campaign posters shout to free them out of prison also found in the city (May 2015).









Reguler English class for children at our old collective house (January 2016)

Learning how to screenprint and making crafts from leftovers with children around our old house collective. (January 2016)







DIY menstrual pads workshop with friends and communities, where we meet other women and collaborate to organize workshop for women in rural area in Yogyakarta (April 2016).

Talks and sharing session with Agathis Damara and Lidya Adventa about women and tattoo scene. Both are tattoo artists with women empowerment vision (January 2016)









Really Really Free Market (RRFM) with other groups and individuals (September 2013).









Screenprinting workshop with Kulon Progo farmers to support them on long struggle against iron mining in south coastal area of Kulon Progo (July 2013).





DIY reusable menstrual pad workshop with rural women in Gunung Kidul, Yogyakarta (February 2019).



▲ International Women's Month 2019 organized together with other collectives and individuals—mostly wmyn, for a whole month, campaigning "End Toxic Masculinity". We held workshops (self defense, reproductive health, zine making, natural remedies, eco print, etc.), talk with queers, discussions on sexuality, anarcha feminism, etc., film screening, exhibition, and music performance.

What are we doing?

We provide free education and other resources dedicated to community and people who can't access it. We are using skill share as one medium to learn together such as sewing, making crafts, screenprinting and anything with DIY (Do It Yourself) culture. We held talks and discussions, workshops, campaign and education on women issue, gender equality, reproductive health and sexuality and politics (environmental issue, land and agrarian struggle). We're also working with local rural women and farmers, community organizers and solidarity groups on those topics.

Why We Need This?

At the first time establishment of this project, we received financial support from friends for house initial rent and basic equipments. These past 8 years we tried to maintain our needs independently through selling our own DIY handmade crafts. Nevertheless, after some years of learning and experiences, we realized that we can not afford and maintain most of our financial needs, therefore it affecting the projects. We consider this as result of lack of infrastructure and management. Not to mention, internal and external political dynamics also affecting our collective. After long and thorough evaluation, we decided to rebuild our collective through physical, organizing and management improvement.

Current condition....

Last year's Mayday (2018), a riot happened in Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Students and activists burned a police station as a protest for new airport development which displaced thousands of farmers in Kulon Progo, Yogyakarta. Twelve people were suspects and spent months in prison. We as a collective are also actively involved in solidarity group to support farmers longtime struggle against iron mining and new airport development in Kulon Progo, Yogyakarta. Police collected



Mayday demonstration (2018). Students and activists burned a police station as protest for new airport development that displaced thousands of farmers in Kulon Progo. Twelve are suspects and spent months in jail.





information from some informants in activists network and played 'psych' war by spreading hoax broadcast in messenger and social media groups, stated that some of our participants were accused as 'mastermind' in anarchist movement in Yogya including demonstration and police station burn and 'stir' the farmers to resist against government.

They tracked down where we lived and spread rumours between neighbourhood to black campaign us.



Recent house condition:
- Difficult access & location
- Dirt road & no road lighting at night
- Working hand in hand to move stuffs to new house with other collectives and friends







Electricity and kitchen repairment and making kitchen table and shelf





Considering we're already put in police map and the old house was no longer safe, we then moved to a new house, where the location is very remote. We never think to quit doing what we're doing. So we rebuild our community despite the political and financial hardships, and lower infrastructure. On January 2019, we moved to a new

house with cheaper rent but also torn down in many parts and needs lots of renovating and repairing work. We have to rebuild the house, new library and infoshop and re-set up our DIY studio since it's very crucial to start our activities in proper way. We're still producing our crafts, organizing workshops, events, discussions—reusable menstrual pads workshop with local women, sexual health education, and International Women's Month 2019, to name a few.

On M-1 2019, cops attacked peaceful action by estimated 1000 participants in Bandung, Indonesia.





Mayday Action in Bandung (2019). Peace action with almost 1000 participants.



Cops arrested 619 protesters for vandalism and destruction of public property. They're beaten, stripped and bullied. A day later, the National Police of Indonesia announced new 'ideological ghost'—after Communism and Islam extremists: Anarcho Syndicalism. Groups correlate with and use anarchism ideology and symbols throughout Indonesia are started being spied and mapped, including us.

Authorities look for deeper information about anarchist movement and anti-authoritarian network. Our collective is targeted by Yogyakarta local cops. Fortunately, they don't know where we live, they only know some participants' name without knowing specific appearances. So we can still doing our activities including DIY production and social media campaign. In correlation with the current condition, we think it's important for us to adapt new strategies. By this we mean to re-build our collective 'public image' to be seen also as a production space and bring our projects in more inclusive way (security consideration).

Therefore we are in urgent need to rebuild this community space and continue our ongoing projects. This is why we need your solidarity & support in any matters you can.

What We Need

FROM OUR LAST MEETING WE EVALUATE, DISCUSS AND DECIDE SOME THINGS, BELOW ARE THE THINGS THAT BECOMES OUR PRIOR AND CONCERN AT THE MOMENT;

Collective house renovation and maintenance

At the moment we are living in a very small and improper house (approx. 6 x 15 m with 1 bedroom and surface area $\pm$ 600 m^2) that requires serious renovation due to safety







issue (original house condition, geographical matters —we live in earthquake prone area in Yogyakarta). The collective house function and consists of living space, library and infoshop, sewing and screenprinting studio, which is in accordance with one of our goal to make this space more accessible as a learning and working space for our communities.

DIY Screenprinting studio

So far we work manually with modest and limited equipments. We need to upgrade our equiments to work more decent, sustain and efficient in the future.



◀ Road access to house is dark at night, because of the bamboo and trees canopy and no lighting at night, and slippery when raining. ▼





◀ House front part, sides and backyard.



Recent screenprinting studio condition. Also function as place to rest and relax.



General maintenance:

In running our projects and activities, we need technical support such as; computer, printer & scanner, external hard drive/storage, and stable internet connection. What we have and the conditions until today are:

- 1 old crappy slow monitor and desktop computer. We tried to fix the CPU several times but it always fucked up again and again. So we need to replace it with another one (new or second we don't mind as long it work BETTER!).

- Printer and scanner; same like our computer, we have old printer and scanner (which is not working anymore). We fix them but it fucked up again and





again and now it is broken. So we need to replace it with another one (new or second we don't mind as long it work BETTER!).

- External hard drive; we have one 500 GB storage for our documentation and database but it's already full (files of movies, pdf, text, photos). We need to have another one for future database. We need at least a new 1 TB storage hard drive.

We also need:

- Projector for screening, workshop, discussion, etc around the community.
- Tablet/pad for digital management (social media marketing, accounting, notekeeping, etc).

Sewing and crafts studio:

Sewing and crafts production is crucial activity to support collective needs. We have 2 old and miserable sewing machines that need regular maintenance and a new stronger machine to produce crafts more efficient.

You can read details of upgrading plan and amount of money needed in this upgrading plan table below.

Needs	Upgrading Plan	Budget
Collective house renovation and maintenance 	Road and light entrance access, sewer installment, building compartment (kitchen, library, studio, bedrooms), increase electric capacity, general renovation (doors, windows and floors), and semi permanent housing (communal space for meetings, workshops and for friends to stay over).	IDR 12.350.000 (= ± EUR 763)

DIY screen-printing studio 	Silkscreen screenprinting table, hot press machine, blockboards.	IDR 8.000.000 (= ± EUR 494)
Sewing and crafts studio 	Sewing machine	IDR 4.500.000 (= ± EUR 279)
	Fabric cutting	IDR 750.000 (= ± EUR 46)
General maintenance    	New PC and monitor	IDR 7.000.000 (= ± EUR 433)
	Projector	IDR 1.500.000 (= ± EUR 93)
	A new printer and scanner	IDR 2.000.000 (= ± EUR 125)
	1 TB external storage	IDR 1.200.000 (= ± EUR 80)
	Tablet/pad	IDR 2.000.000 (= ± EUR 125)
TOTAL		IDR 39.300.000 (= ± EUR 2,447)

Infoshop with library and crafts display. Still many shelves needed for zines and books. Sharing and resting space, also learning space for kid











Recent sewing and crafts studio condition.



How to Support Us

WE REALIZE THAT THE NUMBER IS VERY HIGH, AND AWARE THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO MEET ALL THE NEEDS. THEREFORE WE SUGGEST YOU SOME OPTION TO CREATE MORE FAIR, EQUAL SOLIDARITY AND SUPPORT.

There are some ways and possibilities to support us, such as;

1. Individual or groups financial donation,
2. Donating equipments or tools we need as mentioned in this letter,
3. Buy our crafts,
4. Be our regular selling & distributor partner in your distro/infoshops/store/etc (both online and offline). Or during festivals, events, gigs, etc.
5. Organize fundraising events or party (with or without selling our crafts) in your area and communities,
6. We attach our merch design with this letter if you want to print & produce it by yourself / collective and sell them as a solidarity.



1. Check our IG account, make your selection, contact us (in IG or email), arrangements & agreement,
2. Crafts delivery arrangements (by mail or pirate mail),
3. Money transfer arrangement.

note: contact us for further info



Bank

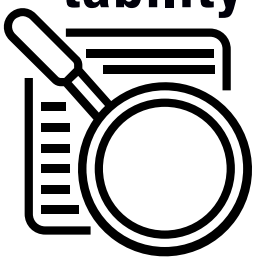
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Trans parency & accoun tability



We're concern with transparency and accountability so that everyone is informed about the money flow. This is what comes out of our mind;

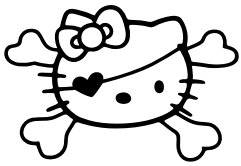
+ We will print total amount of money received in our account biweekly and attach the account record and CC it to every sender's email.
+ We will also post updates of our progress and activities in our social media (mainly IG)



LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE BETTER IDEAS :)
WE WILL BE MORE THAN HAPPY IF YOU CARE
TO SHARE THIS LETTER TO ANYONE OR
GROUPS WHO WILL POSSIBLY SUPPORT.

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Needle n' Bitch



Just to make it clear

We are autonomous group and we don't receive fundings from any state and corporate institutions, political party, as same as any discriminative groups or organisations.

SHARING NETWORKING AUTONOMY



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